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SUBJECT: COLOMBO SUMMIT: ZAIREAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S
CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY(IO) LEWIS
1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY MET AUGUST 11 WITH ZAIREAN FOREIGN MINISTER NGUZA TO DISCUSS HIS FORTHCOMING PARTICIPATION AT THE COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT. IT WAS CLEAR THAT HE WAS ANXIOUS TO BE HELPFUL TO US THERE AND HE STRESSED THAT HE HAD FULL AUTHORITY, IN SUBSTITUTING FOR MOBUTU AT COLOMBO, TO SPEAK OUT FORCEFULLY, NOT ONLY ON CERTAIN ISSUES, BUT ALSO ON THE DIRECTION THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT APPEARS TO BE TAKING UNDER THE IMPETUS OF CUBA, N. KOREA, ALGERIA, AND OTHERS.

2. KOREA. NGUZA WAS QUITE CLEAR THAT HE WOULD
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RESIST ANY EFFORT TO PROCLAIM BY THE NON-ALIGNED

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CONSENSUS PROCEDURE THAT THE KOREAN ISSUE SHOULD BE NEGOTIATED IN ANY WAY WHICH WOULD EXCLUDE THE ROK. HE ALSO STATED HE WOULD REPEAT HIS POSITION THAT, ON THIS AND OTHER ISSUES, THE VIEWS OF THE STATES IN THE GENERAL AREA SHOULD BE GIVEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, AN APPROACH HE HOPED WOULD ELICIT SOME HELPFUL INP'TS FROM MALAYSIA AND OTHER ASIAN REPRESENTATIVES. HE DID NOT VOLUNTEER TO TAKE A POSITION ON THE U.S. TROOP PRESENCE.

3. PUERTO RICO. NGUZA VOLUNTEERED HIS VIEW THAT PUERTO RICANS HAD BEEN GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SELF-DETERMINATION, HAD MADE THEIR CHOICE AND HAD IT RECOGNIZED BY THE UNGA. HENCE NOTHING MORE NEED BE SAID. LEWIS NOTED THAT, WHILE WE COULD LIVE WITH AN ENDORSEMENT OF THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION IN PUERTO RICO, WE WOULD PREFER NO PRONOUNCEMENT AT ALL AT COLOMBO.

4. PANAMA. NGUZA VOLUNTEERED THE VIEW THAT US HAD EMBARKED ON NEGOTIATION OF A CANAL TREATY DESPITE OPPOSITION IN CONGRESS AND, IF ANYTHING HAD TO BE SAID AT COLOMBO, IT SHOULD BE IN THE FORM OF ENCOURAGEMENT OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

5. MIDDLE EAST. NGUZA REFERRED TO MOBUTU'S HIGH RESPECT FOR SADAT AND DESIRE TO SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH EGYPTIAN VIEWS AS EGYPT WAS A FELLOW AFRICAN STATE. HE WOULD CONDEMN ZIONISM IF IT WERE UNDERSTOOD AS ISRAELI EXPANSIONISM OR RESISTANCE TO RETURN TO EGYPTIAN TERRITORY. BUT HE WOULD OPPOSE EQUATING IT WITH RACISM AND WOULD WORK TO SEPARATE ANY ANTI-ZIONIST POSTURE FROM THE ANTI-APARTHEID EFFORT. HE WOULD LIKEWISE OPPOSE ANY EFFORT TO QUESTION ISRAEL'S STATUS AT THE UN OR ITS LEGITIMACY AS A STATE. HE ANTICIPATED CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL'S RESCUE OPERATION AT ENTEBBE AIRPORT.

6. AFRICA. NGUZA EXPECTED GENERAL ENDORSEMENT OF OAU POSITIONS ON NAMIBIA, RHODESIA, AND SOUTH AFRICA, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND FELT THE SAME APPROACH WOULD BE THE ONLY WAY TO HANDLE DJIBOUTI. HE THOUGHT YUGOSLAVS, INDIANS AND OTHERS WOULD SEEK TO AVOID SAHARA ISSUE AS TOO DIVISIVE AND RECALLED HIS OWN EFFORTS TO DEFUSE IT, WITH GARBA'S SUPPORT, AT THE OAU BY PROPOSING A SPECIAL OAU SUMMIT. HE PRAISED SECRETARY'S EFFORTS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA.

7. LEWIS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED NGUZA IN HIS ORIENTATION,

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REFERRING TO HIS OWN SOUNDINGS IN LATIN AMERICA WHICH SUGGESTED THAT THE LATIN NON-ALIGNED STATES HAD SIMILAR CONCERNS ABOUT THE DIRECTION OF THE MOVEMENT AND THE MISUSE OF CONSENSUS PROCEDURES BY THE RADICALS. LEWIS NOTED SIMILAR TENDENCIES IN ASIA (AFGHANISTAN, MALAYSIA, AND INDONESIA) AND IN AFRICA (NGUZA NOTED LIBERIA, BUT COMPLAINED THAT SIERRA LEONE AND SENEGAL HAD BEEN GENERALLY SILENT AT ALGIERS).
8. ADDITIONAL NGUZA COMMENTS TO FOLLOW SEPTEL. KISSINGER

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